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Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 1 with the following rewritten paragraph.

~~--This application is a continuation in part of U.S. patent application No. 09/716,836 filed November 20, 2000.~~ The present invention relates to the control of an internal combustion engine. More specifically, the present invention relates to an encoded crank system that may be integrated seamlessly with multiple internal combustion engines having a plurality of cylinder configurations.--